



**John A Barnes III (MOH)
New England Chapter 9
173rd Airborne Brigade
Association**



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The chapter will be having its annual raffle, tickets will be in the mail to you shortly. The calendar, additional tickets, winners and exact information is on our website. Keep in mind that this is the only source of income for the Chapter, we are a 501C19 Not for profit organization. Advanced tickets are available on our website.

Purpose of Chapter 9:

- To help sustain and improve the common bonds existing between all service members who have been assigned to, or attached to, the 173d Airborne Brigade (Sky Soldiers).
- To maintain contact with and to help, as practicable, Sky Soldiers who are seriously disabled as a result of military service in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- To assist Sky Soldiers in Veterans Affairs matters, if needed and as practicable.
- To honor and perpetuate the memory of Sky Soldiers who died in the service of the United States.
- To help to shield graves of Sky Soldiers from neglect.
- To foster fellowship, and esprit de corps among all members of Chapter 9.
- To render acts of charity and service; provided, these acts are consistent with Chapter 9's bylaws, and with the bylaws of the Association of the 173d Brigade, Incorporated.
- To give priority effort to tasks within the geographical areas in which Chapter 9's members reside.

Next Chapter meeting will be held at Foxboro VFW Post 2626 @ 11:00 – 1300 hrs. Saturday 23 Feb., breakfast will be provided by the Chapter prior to the meeting.

President:

Greetings one and all. As President of Chapter 9 for the last 9 years, I can honestly say that it was an enjoyable journey "we" accomplished much. Some of our many accomplishments: An increase of membership from 188 to where we are today at 500+ members. We have a functioning website in place www.newenglandskysoldier.net that continues to be visited by our members as well as gawkers. We have members in 37 states, with the majority being paid members. Our quarterly newsletter was established and is again functioning. We, with the help of the Boston Public Library have all previous Yearbooks on line. All this was done plus much more not by or because of me, rather by the great officers that we have in place. We are fortunate!

Our Annual Raffle that is supported by our members gives us the capital to pay for our website, mail newsletters to members without emails along with everyday expenses i.e. paper, stamps and ink for the printers.

I asked the Chapter Officer's if I could do ONE MORE year to tie up some loose ends and to help the incoming President. They all agreed. Again, I say thanks for a great 9 years, I look forward to another year. If you ever had the aspirations of being Chapter President now is the time to step up.

Hopefully I will see you at the next Chapter meeting in Foxboro VFW Post 2626 on 23 Feb, 337 Cocasset St., Foxboro, MA 02035 11:00 -13:00 hrs. A free breakfast will be offered prior to our meeting. Be well Sky Soldiers, thanks for your past support.

Peter Klausner
A 4/503 Airborne Inf.

Secretary:

Hello Everyone,

It has been awhile since our last chapter newsletter. A few of the Chapter Officers have not been well and it had taken a toll on the chapter. Everyone is now good, and it is time to get the ball rolling once again. On January the 7th. I started my 25th. year as Chapter Secretary. I never thought it would last this long when I ran for the position.

The chapter will conduct it's twenty-fourth year John Barnes, III vigil. As always it will be in May, more information will be forwarded in the coming months.

It is time to pay your dues if you have not paid them for this year. You can send your dues to me and I will ensure that your record is updated to reflect your payment.

If you are getting The Newsletter by regular mail it means that we DO NOT have a current email address for you. Let me know so that I can make the necessary changes. This saves the Chapter time and money not having to pay for postage

As always keep your appointments with your doctor, were getting much older now and our health is not what it was when we were young troopers. Stay Well.

Dennis Hill,
Chapter Secretary
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Treasurer:

We Need Your Help in Preserving the Memory of the 173rd Airborne Brigade

The officers of Chapter 9 of the 173rd Airborne Brigade are asking for your participation and assistance in continuing the memories of those who serve and who served in the 173rd Airborne Brigade. The 2018 National Reunion in Alexandria, Virginia last year which was attended by more than 900 people evidenced that the 173rd Airborne Brigade remains an honored unit which now has 1st Generation and 2nd Generation members.

On February 23, 2018, Chapter 9 will hold a breakfast meeting at the Foxboro Massachusetts VFW, 337 Cohasset Street, Foxboro, Massachusetts. We are asking that all members who are able to attend this meeting. The current officers have served in their positions beyond their expected years of service Peter Klausner 9 years, Dennis Hill 25 years, Bill Maloney 12 years, and Al Champeau 9 years. We are all committed to serving another year, but after that time we are concerned that family and health matters will preclude our serving any longer. We are searching for more members to run for office and learn the methods in which we serve so that they can lead Chapter 9 into the future. In order that we can order sufficient food for those attending please notify Bill Maloney at email: billmaloney5@verizon.net, phone: (781-942-0771), or Dennis Hill at email: Dhill173@verizon.net, phone: (781-769-6062).

We are not overstating the challenge ahead to preserve the legacy of 173rd Airborne Brigade and Chapter 9 into the future.

Bill Maloney
Treasurer